ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

WOOD GRAINING PROCESS AND KIT

A kit and a process for using it to impart wood grain appearances are provided. According to the method, a base coat comprising an opaque, pigmented, water-based paint emulsion is applied to a wood-grain textured substrate and dried. Then, a pigmented, water-based graining coat (most preferably a crosslinkable urethane/acrylic) is applied sparingly, preferably by use of a dampened foam/sponge pad or sprayed, in an amount sufficient to overcoat the base coat and color at least a majority of texture recesses in the substrate and drying. According to the kit aspect of the invention, the kit will comprise: an opaque, pigmented, water-based paint emulsion; a pigmented, water-based graining coat emulsion, optionally packaged in a bottle, such as one with a spray. Optionally, the kit can include an applicator or surface cleaner, a scraper, brush, cloth, sponge, or combination. The process of the invention can be completed within 3 to 12 hours at temperatures ranging from just over 55°F up to over 85°F, with sufficient time for working both coatings yet without long periods of time where the door or other object is out of service. Timing and ease of application facilitate application by home handyman as well as the professional.